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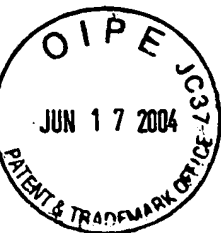
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein. These references were cited in the Canadian Office Action dated April 30, 2004 of the underlying Canadian patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the Canadian Office Action. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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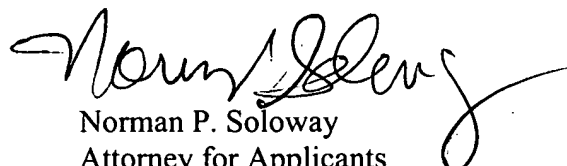
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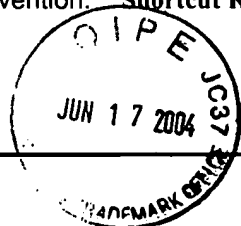
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING
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In Re Application Of: **SLAUNWHITE et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention: **Shortcut Key Manager and Method for Managing Shortcut Key Assignment**



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This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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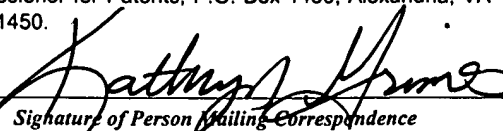

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Person et al., <u>Using Word for Windows 95</u> , Indianapolis, IN: Que Corporation, 1995

EXAMINER

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EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



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Application No. : 2,361,455
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**Title : SHORTCUT KEY MANAGER AND METHOD FOR MANAGING
SHORTCUT KEY ASSIGNMENT**
Classification : G06F-17/00
Your File No. : 08892799CA
Examiner : Jamie Hayami

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF :

- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*;
- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE *PATENT RULES*.

IN ORDER TO AVOID **MULTIPLE ABANDONMENTS** UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY TO EACH REQUISITION MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 22.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

Non Statutory Subject Matter

Claims 19-20 are directed to non-statutory subject matter, and are outside the definition of invention in Section 2 of the Patent Act. Electronic signals for use in the execution in a computer is not considered patentable subject matter. The electronic signals are simply the result of a user depressing keys on a keyboard. Therefore, there is no patentable subject matter contained within claims 19 and 20.

References Applied

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

European Patent Office Application

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Jeoung

PublicationPerson et al. Using Word for Windows 95. Indianapolis, IN: Que Corporation, 1995.

ISBN: 0-7897-0084-0

Jeoung discloses a method of defining the hot keys used to immediately initiate desired functions by the user in a communication terminal, comprises the steps of displaying a plurality of main menu items in the hot key defining mode, displaying a plurality of sub-menu items corresponding to a particular main menu item selected by the user, selecting at least one of the sub-menu items by the user, displaying the keys used for the hot keys, and selecting one of the keys as a hot key assigned to the at least one sub-menu.

Person et al. disclose using shortcut keys to enable a user to perform routine operations quickly without moving from the keyboard to the mouse. In Windows 95, shortcut keys may be assigned to frequently used menu options such as Word's predefined commands, user specific macros, styles, fonts, and AutoText just to name a few.

Obviousness

Claims 1-22 do not comply with Subsection 28(3) of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Jeoung in view of Person et al.

Jeoung discloses a shortcut key manager for managing shortcut key assignments; (see column 1, lines 4-7). The short cut key manager includes an item receiver for receiving an item identification of a sub-menu item (or "non-command user interface item type"); (see column 3, lines 7-20). A key receiver receives a key identification that identifies a shortcut key from the user; (see column 3, lines 21-35). Then an assignment handler assigns the short cut key selected by the user to the sub-menu item (see column 3, lines 36-44). The user may assign specific shortcut keys to multiple functions. Therefore, if a user uses a specific short cut key linked to several functions, a shortcut key handler presents an instance of the shortcut keys to the user in a menu format; (see column 3, line 45 - column 4, line 6). There is no difference between claim 1 and Jeoung.

As well, in Person et al., a shortcut key manager for managing shortcut key assignments is disclosed; (see Formatting Paragraphs with Shortcut Keys - pages 293-294; and Assigning Commands and Macros to Shortcut Keys - pages 1049-1051). The shortcut key manager includes a keyboard feature (or "item receiver") that allows a user to identify a non-command user-interface item type, such as a font; (see page 1050). Also included is a Shortcut Key feature (or "key receiver") which receives a key identification from a user that identifies a shortcut key that they would like to use for the non-command item type; (see page 1050). An assignment handler assigns the short cut key selected by the user to the non-command user interface item type; (see page 1051). When the user wants to call up a desired non-command user-interface item type, they may then press the assigned shortcut key and the desired function will execute.

The only difference between Person et al. and claim 1 is that when a user uses the desired short cut key, the non-command user interface item is automatically executed instead of an instance of the non-command user interface item being presented to a user. However, presenting an instance of a non-command user interface item to a user is obvious in view of the art of short cut key managing. When using Corel WordPerfect or Microsoft Word, users are able to customize toolbars to contain all of the non-command user interface item types that they wish to have displayed. So, it is pointless to have an instance of a zoom feature displayed by depressing a short cut key when most of the time that feature is always present on the toolbar. It is obvious that if you are able to open up a new document by depressing short cut keys, that it would also be possible to open an instance of the zoom feature by depressing short cut keys. This feature is merely one of several straightforward possibilities from which the skilled person would select, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive skill, in order to solve the problem posed.

The additional features of claims 2-8 do not contain any inventive features, that if combined with claim 1 would overcome these obviousness objections. As well, claims 9-22 contain the same features as found in claims 1-8 and hence similar obviousness objections also apply to these claims.

Therefore, claims 1-22 are obvious and do not comply with Subsection 28(3) of the Patent Act.

Indefiniteness

Claims 2 and 3 are indefinite and do not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act. From the description on page 8, lines 12-17 and page 9, lines 13-16, it appears that the "user control focus" and the "keyboard focus" are both describing the exact same feature. This makes claims 2 and 3 very confusing to read as having the feature of a "keyboard focus" in claim 3 dependent upon the exact same feature of a "user control focus" in claim 2 is redundant. The terminology for this feature should be consistent throughout the description and the claims. If these features are different, it should be clearly stated within the description what differentiates these two features from one another. A similar objection also applies to claims 11 and 12.

Claim 8 does not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act. Claims containing a negative expression such as "the non-command item is not visual when it is not selected" are objectionable in that claims should generally set forth what the invention is or does, and not what it is not or does not do.

Therefore claims 2, 3, 8, 11, and 12 are indefinite and do not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act.

Drawings

Figures 4-7 are either illegible, of poor quality, or unsuitable for reproduction. The applicant is requisitioned to submit replacement pages compliant with Subsection 68(1) of the Patent Rules.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under Subsection 30(2) of the Patent Rules, to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Prior Art Request

Under Section 29 of the *Patent Rules*, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the United States application describing the same invention on behalf of the applicant, or on behalf of any other person claiming under an inventor named in the present application, and the patent number, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. In accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the *Patent Rules*, if the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

The above requisitioned information must be provided regardless of the current status of the foreign application.

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